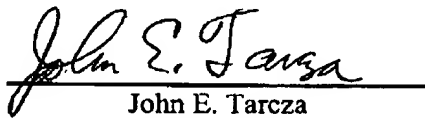


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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT WITH RCE**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice of Improper Request for Continued Examination (RCE) mailed May 18, 2005, wherein the RCE filed March 11, 2005 was considered incomplete, please attach the following preliminary amendment and argument to complete the RCE. A petition for a three-month extension of time is attached if needed.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.